



Georgia Department of Human Resources

SAVANNAH YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Project Meeting Minutes

Project Name:	Savannah Youth Collaborative
Date/Time:	Friday February 24, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.
Location:	St. Pius Family Resource Center
Facilitator:	Sametria R. McFall and Michele Barnett

Welcome/Meeting Objectives

The meeting of the Savannah Youth Collaborative was called to order and new and returning Collaborative members were welcomed by Sametria McFall.

The meeting objectives were identified by Michele Barnett. The objective of this meeting was to: (1) provide The Collaborative with updates from the state and local representatives; (2) see what type of support is needed to facilitate the project's; and (3) identify contact persons for the purpose of data collection.

Project Updates

Agenda Item	Update/Decisions
Savannah Youth Collaborative	<p>The Savannah Project Manager, Sametria R. McFall, discussed the various sub-committees that have been established since the last meeting. These include: System of Care, Assessing Savannah's Values, Education and Technical Training.</p> <p>The System of Care (SOC) sub-committee met on February 16, 2006 and Paula Reynolds and Stanley Williams agreed to serve as Co-Chairs. They provided a brief report of the SOC meeting, which included: identification of the participating organizations; how the committee will work to identify a SOC for Savannah; identifying the values for a SOC; the goals and objective of the SOC; and ways to make the sub-committee more inclusive so that as many voice as possible will have input in developing this model of care for the City of Savannah.</p> <p>The other sub-committees did not have an opportunity to meet prior to the</p>

	Collaborative meeting, therefore a list of the volunteers serving on those committees were identified for the Collaborative.
Mobile Crisis Response Service/Crisis Stabilization Program	<p>Rosa Kamson indicated that all of the first tier candidates for the Mobile Crisis Unit accepted. Mr. Abdul Hafeez El-Amin will serve as the team leader for the Unit. Training and orientation for the newly hired unit is currently underway at the Georgia Regional Site located in Savannah, GA.</p> <p>Unit training is under negotiation with the Sweetzer Group out of Portland, ME, specifically with Roger Wentworth and Pat McKinney. This group has thirty years of experience and a proven track record with this type of operation.</p> <p>Contingency plans are being coordinated with the IFFY providers because this Unit will consist of four members who will operate on a 24/7 basis and support will be essential to ensure support is available at all times.</p>
Developmental Disability Waivers	<p>Rosa Kamson and Monica Williams indicated that approximately 10 children have been identified as needing DD waivers.</p> <p>Support Coordinators have been assigned to each child.</p> <p>Person centered plans are being developed for each child and should be completed within two weeks.</p>
Substance Abuse Training	Michele Barnett indicated that the training for the Seven Challenges Program with Dr. Robert Schwebel is still under negotiation and as soon as a date and location have been selected Collaborative Members will be notified.
TANF Outpatient Substance Abuse Program	<p>There is \$200,000 available for outpatient services.</p> <p>Charlotte Rehmert indicated that because of the criteria associated with placing clients with this program, it has been difficult to identify TANF participants who meet the qualifications.</p> <p>A committee is being established to identify innovative ways of resolving the client placement issue and to maximize the opportunities that are available as a result of this funding.</p>
After School Substance Abuse Program	<p>Michele Barnett indicated that a new program facilitator has been identified, Dr. Janice Ellis. And, the "Towards No Drugs" training will take place on Thursday, March 2, 2006 for the facilitator and other Collaborative Members who expressed interest.</p> <p>The 25 students who will participate in this program have been identified through self-identification of need or through court intervention.</p>
DFCS Placements	<p>Lillian Taylor indicated that the LOC Committee is meeting regularly to work through the steps associated with child placement and service identification.</p> <p>Service providers have been invited to participate in meeting at which they can identify the services that they can provide for each child individually and ways that</p>

	<p>they (the providers) can work together to provide services for the children and their families.</p> <p>A strong effort is being made to have the families involved in provider selection and services needed.</p> <p>PCPs will be coordinated thru the LOC Committee.</p> <p>LOC will follow children for at least one year after placement.</p>
Home Visiting Services	<p>The update was provided by Eve Bogan and Susan Bertonaschi. An assessment of the current model has been completed and modifications that will support home visiting have been included.</p> <p>The model should be ready for presentation by the next Collaborative meeting.</p> <p>Visiting home services will be implemented once training has been completed. The goal date to begin this service is early spring (April/May).</p>
Interagency Case Management System Project for Juveniles	<p>Reinée Lynch indicated that the MOU's are under review and should be signed on or before the committee's next meeting on March 10, 2006.</p> <p>A database will be established to allow participating agencies to share information and to allow for program evaluation.</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Community Representative Carol Kaczorowski indicated that the Children's Trust Fund has resources available to help address the needs of children particularly as it pertains to child abuse. A proposal must be submitted for consideration. Please contact the Children's Trust Fund for specific requirements and other information.</p> <p>Contact persons for data collection for each goal were identified and will be contacted as progress is made in this area.</p>

Outstanding Issues		
Number	Issue	Owner
1	A method for data collection will be identified in order to begin goal assessment.	Michele Barnett and Sametria McFall
2	A TANF outpatient substance abuse committee is being identified.	Charlotte Rehmert

Next Meeting		
Date	Time	Location
March 24, 2006	1:00 p.m.	TBA